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FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE

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**(Kennewick, WA, December 19, 2019)** The Washington State Fraternal Order of Police is concerned about the brutal knife attacks on police officers this past weekend throughout the state. Within a 24-hour period, law enforcement officer in Tacoma (WA) and 2 law enforcement officers in Pasco (WA) were stabbed while responding to in progress calls for service.

“Law enforcement officers in Washington, and throughout this country, do not deserve to be attacked for trying to protect the public. We are witnessing a growing trend where law enforcement officers are being ambushed or attacked and the result is a rise in serious injuries or deaths in the ranks of our profession,” emphasized Marco Monteblanco, President of the Washington State Fraternal Order of Police.

In a climate where law enforcement in Washington State have worked hard to change the narrative between police and community members by building trust the growth in officer assaults continue to rise. Earlier this year, the Washington State FOP [commented](#) on the lack of accountability for individuals that victimize citizens and the failure to properly address subjects that actively resist and assault officers in the King County

The Washington State FOP had meaningful discussions with King County Prosecutor to address these concerns but no substantive improvements have been seen.

“The Fraternal Order of Police still believes that more can be done to not only protect citizens and victims but also protect the brave men and women within the communities they serve,” President Monteblanco continued.

The Washington State FOP is asking our citizens to come together to lend their voices to the condemnation of these types of attacks and support law enforcement officers that serve on behalf of our communities.

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### ABOUT THE WASHINGTON STATE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE

*The Washington State Fraternal Order of Police (WAFOP) is a 501(c)8 non-profit organization which represents nearly 3,000 law enforcement officers in the state. Our motto is “Cops helping Cops”.*

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